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<b>SCH #</b>
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**Project Title:** Chinook Salmon Coastal Release: Santa Cruz Wharf

Lead Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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City: Sacramento, CA

Zip: 92444-2090

County: Sacramento

**Project Location:** County: Santa Cruz County

City/Nearest Community: Santa Cruz

Cross Streets: Municipal Wharf and Beach St.

Zip Code: 95060

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36 ° 57 ' 31.5 " N / 122 ° 01 ' 02.6 " W Total Acres: NA

Assessor's Parcel No.: NA

Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 1

Waterways: Monterey Bay, San Lorenzo River

Airports: Bonny Doon Village, Santa Cruz Skypark

Railways: \_\_\_\_\_ Schools: Santa Cruz High School

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR  NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  Draft EIS  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mit Neg Dec Other: \_\_\_\_\_  FONSI \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other: Fish release

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: Juvenile Chinook Salmon release  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Growth Inducement  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Land Use  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Cumulative Effects  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Coastal Zone

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Mokelumne River Hatchery (MOK) would deliver 160,000 Central Valley fall-run Chinook Salmon (CV FRCS) smolts to the Project location for direct release (if possible) at the designated location on Santa Cruz Wharf in Monterey Bay in 2021 and again in 2022. MBSTP is implementing this Project. CDFW would deliver MOK CV FRCS smolts to Santa Cruz Wharf in mid-May of 2021 and 2022. Exact dates and times would be scheduled as the time draws near and are dependent on fish size, growth rates, and environmental conditions in Monterey Bay. All smolts would be transported in a single trip each year, using 2-4 fish transport trucks (dependent upon loading density/fish size). Water in transport trucks would be salted prior to on-loading fish to initiate smoltification and aid in acclimation to the marine environment. If conditions do not allow for discharge from transport trucks on Santa Cruz Wharf, smolts would be discharged into a net barge in Santa Cruz Harbor (36.963907°, -122.002198°) and be towed out and released to the ocean as soon as is safely possible, and no more than 24 hours from offload. The Project's objective is to enhance the commercial and recreational salmon ocean fishery.

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**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date March 29, 2021 Ending Date April 29, 2021

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**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

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**Signature of Lead Agency Representative:** Kevin Shaffer **Date:** 3/24/2021

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